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UNJUST DISCRIMINATION.

It is to be regretted that owing to some ulterior motives the committee of the chamber of commerce were induced to ignore the newspapers of their own city and give its patronage to a monthly publication that is unknown outside of the city in which it is published. Such actions tend only to create bitter antagonism against an organization which is in a position to assist materially in the advancement of the interests of the city and county. There was certainly no justifiable excuse for the actions of the chamber of commerce sending away from home for its printing. The Astorian has endeavored to assist the organization by the publication of descriptive articles of the grand natural resources of the city and county, all of which have met with the approval and indorsement of the members, with possibly a few exceptions. The press of Astoria have never antagonized the chamber of commerce but has always endeavored to assist them in the advancement of the city and its future growth and prosperity. It is for this reason that the press of the city do not consider they have been treated right. To give advertising matter to an obscure publication is evidence that they have no confidence in their home papers, and it is this that has antagonized the entire press of the city against the organization.

The press of Astoria has always worked for the upbuilding of the city and county. It has spent more time and money in one year in endeavors to advertise the natural resources of Clatsop county to the world, than has been spent by the deceased since its earthly existence. For this work it has never received so much as a thank you from the members of the late defunct, and never has one cent been contributed to even pay the postage on papers sent east at the request of people contemplating coming west to locate. In all of the large enterprising cities of the coast, all commercial organizations devote their energies to building up home industries and home institutions. They not only advocate patronizing home industries but instead of sending money out of the city to advertise the resources the money is invariably given to the home newspapers or home job offices and very little, if any is ever sent away from home. The result is that every one of those cities have grown and expanded. Thousands of eastern people have invested in business and homes. Time was 20 years ago, when Astoria had a larger population than Seattle or Tacoma. Boards of trade were organized in those cities and the home newspapers were paid to get out special editions which were circulated all over the east. The result is that after 20 years, Astoria has increased from about 6000 to 12,000, while Seattle has increased from 5000 to over 100,000. Astoria could have been as large as Seattle if it had a commercial organization composed of the live, energetic business men.

Three months ago the county court, by repeated requests, endeavored to interest the chamber of commerce in making a display at the Lewis and Clark fair of the products of Clatsop county. The matter was entirely ignored by that body, and no action was taken until it was entirely too late to secure any space, and the fault lies entirely with the chamber of commerce, due to a lack of progressive spirit that should have actuated all deliberate bodies, with the result that Clatsop county will be about the only county in the state that will not have an exhibit. It being the county where Lewis and Clark first landed and which is replete with many historical incidents, more so than any other county, a large majority of the citizens feel that their interests and the interests of the county were not properly represented, and it ought to have had the best exhibit of any county at the fair. With the money that has been foolishly expended by the chamber of commerce in itinerant publications, which have produced no good results, a splendid exhibition of the grand natural resources of the county could have

been made, but it seems as though the nonprogressive spirit had actuated that organization, and it is certainly no credit to the county that an exhibit will not be made.

Astoria needs a commercial organization. The old Push Club needs revivification. During its existence of three or four years, it accomplished a great deal of good for Astoria. Almost every manufacturing institution that has come to Astoria during the past few years has been through the energies of this club. It was organized on account of the people being dissatisfied with the nonprogressive spirit of the chamber of commerce, and was an obsolete, antiquated out-of-date organization. The newspapers of Astoria have no use for the chamber of commerce. Their interests are not identical. The press is endeavoring to build up the city.

WORKING FOR A CLEAN CITY.

The improvement clubs and kindred organizations are taking up the work of cleaning and beautifying the city in an earnest and hearty spirit. They can do a great deal toward accomplishing this purpose, both as organizations and through the work of their individual members.

After all, the work is an individual one, and the best results can be accomplished only if individual property owners are themselves enlisted in it. Every one is influenced more or less by public opinion and by the opinion of his neighbors, and it needs aroused public opinion on this subject to excite the individual action which will result in bringing about the much-needed improvement.

Something can be done in this direction through exciting a spirit of emulation. Beautifully kept home grounds with abundance of shrubs and flowers, are both an object lesson and inspiration to others in the neighborhood to do likewise. If half a dozen people in one neighborhood set earnestly to work to beautify their grounds, in a brief time there will be few places in the vicinity which will not show evidences of improvement.

The primary step, in all cases, is in the removal of the unsightly rubbish piles, and following that the prevention of any further accumulations of the kind thereafter. In this work the city authorities can assist. It should be made a misdemeanor to dump garbage on a vacant lot, no matter in whose ownership it is, or at any place save the garbage dumps provided by the city.

Every one of these distressingly unsightly vacant lots has become so through thoughtless trespass thereon of people who, as a general rule, live in the vicinity of it. One dumps some rubbish on it; and another, seeing that this has been done, followed suit, until the place is recognized as the common dumping ground of the rubbish or garbage of the neighborhood. The owner of the property himself is rarely responsible for this condition, which has been created in disregard of his rights. For this reason there is an element of fairness in the plea for the people in each block to themselves clean up the vacant lots in their vicinity. Some of them are responsible for the condition which has been created and all are distinctly injured by it. All will be benefited by the cleaning up and the adoption of the rule to keep vacant lots clean hereafter.—Seattle P. I.

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Arctic Explorer Sends Message for Assistance.

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New York, March 8.—A message asking for assistance, which was sent from Franz Josefand by balloon by Evelyn R. Baldwin, the Arctic explorer, just prior to his return from the Arctic region in the summer of 1902, has just been received by Mrs. Baldwin from the American consul general at Christiania, Norway. It was picked up in January by a fisherman at Tanafjord, Norway, on the east side of North Cape, and was forwarded by him to the American consul general. Several similar messages, some of them picked up off the coast of Iceland, reached the United States within 11 months of their date and dispatch.

Extending Cable.

Seattle, March 8.—Within the next two months the cable ship Burnside will begin the work of extending the government Seattle-Valdez cable to Seward, on Resurrection bay, Alaska, the terminus of the Alaska Central railroad. Congress recently appropriated \$95,000 for this purpose. The extension is in line with the expressed desire of Chief Signal Officer General Greeley to eventually extend the submarine system to Dutch harbor.

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